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Eligibility, Demographics & PHN Assignment

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About this Guide

Purpose & Audience

This document is intended for Health Authorities authorized to use *health*netBC Web Business Services. This user guide:

- outlines the Eligibility, Demographics and PHN Assignment business services.
- describes the processing requirements of each business service
- provides business rules, and
- describes results.

The information contained in this guide will soon be available as On Line Help.

Document Conventions

The following icons are used throughout this document:

- This icon (and red font, if applicable) indicate a warning!
- * Asterisks denote mandatory fields.
- This icon and font indicate hints and/or important information to take note of.
- This icon indicates a user action; such as, Follow these Steps.

Quick Start: Checking Eligibility and PHN Assignment

Checking Eligibility

Use a person's PHN to verify their eligibility for publicly funded health care services.

- Use R15 Check Eligibility, for a single PHN inquiry
- Use R03 Get Person Demographics to verify the client's name, birth date and gender
- Use R41 PHN Inquiry, for checking up to 10 PHN's at the same time

Assigning a Personal Health Number (PHN)

- 1. Use a person's name, birth date and gender to determine if they have a PHN.
 - Use R09 Name Search
- 2. Assign a PHN to a person who is <u>not</u> recorded on the Health Registry.
 - Use R02 Record New Person
- 3. Assign a PHN to a Newborn
 - Use R01 Record Newborn

Quick Start: Maintaining Person Demographics

Verify Person Demographics

- 1. Use a person's PHN to retrieve their most current name, address, gender, date of birth and date of death (if applicable).
 - Use R03 Get Person Demographics

Update Person Demographics

- 1. Use a person's PHN to complete or change their name, birth date, or gender
 - Use R06 Update Person Demographics
- 2. Use a person's PHN to record details from supporting documentation which substantiates the change to their demographic information.
 - Use R20 Record Document
- 3. Use a person's PHN to change their home or mailing address, and/or telephone number
 - Use R07 Update Person Address

Eligibility & PHN Assignment Business Services

R15 Check Eligibility

R41 PHN Inquiry

R09 Name Search

RO2 Record New Person

R01 Record Newborn

Use R15 to determine if a person is a beneficiary of the Medical Services Plan on a particular date of service.

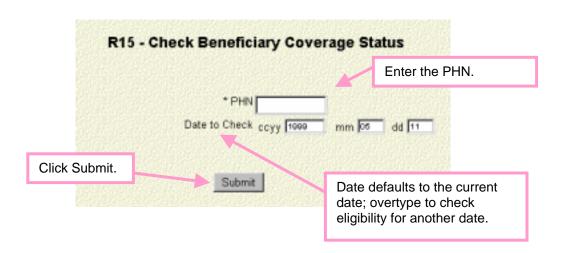
R15 Check Eligibility

Before You Begin

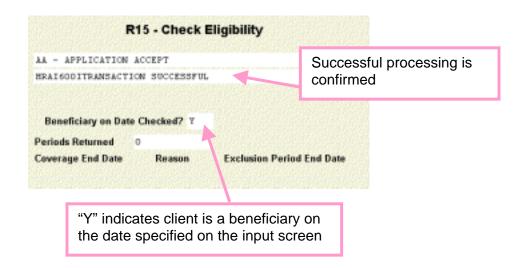
- Locating a PHN for a person through the R09 Name Search business service does not automatically indicate eligibility for publicly funded health care services. Use R15 or R41 to confirm eligibility.
- If there is any reason to doubt the accuracy of the response, contact the *health*netBC HelpDesk to validate eligibility.
- Use R03 Get Person Demographics to confirm client name, birthdate, gender, and address.

Procedure

- Select Check Eligibility from the Eligibility and PHN Assignment Menu, or from Next Business Service link.
- Remember, * indicate mandatory fields.



Beneficiary Covered



Beneficiary Not Covered



"N" – indicates client is <u>not</u> a beneficiary on the date specified on the input screen (additional information may appear in a text message)

If you get a "N" response, you will also get the following details:

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{EXCLUSION}}$ $\ensuremath{\textbf{PERIOD}}$ $\ensuremath{\textbf{END}}$ $\ensuremath{\textbf{DATE}}$ — the date an exclusion period ends, if applicable.

COVERAGE END DATE – the date the beneficiary's coverage was terminated

REASON – the reason why the person is not a beneficiary on the date checked

- Opted Out
- Excluded RCMP
- Excluded Armed Forces
- Deceased
- Out of Province Move

- Residency in Question
- Administrative
- Lost Contact

Use R41 to verify a person's name, birth date and gender and to confirm Eligibility for publicly funded health care services.

R41 PHN Inquiry

Before You Begin

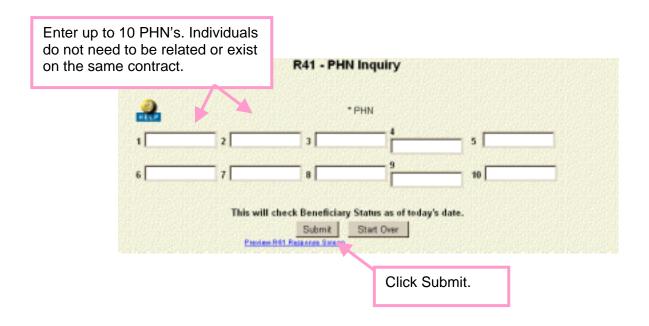
- ALWAYS, verify person information and update when necessary!
- If the PHN cannot be confirmed as belonging to the person, use R09 *Name Search* to search for the person's PHN by name.
- ALWAYS, report suspected fraud. Provide person information to the *health*netBC HelpDesk.

Procedure

Select PHN Inquiry from the Eligibility and PHN Assignment Menu, or from Next Business Service link.

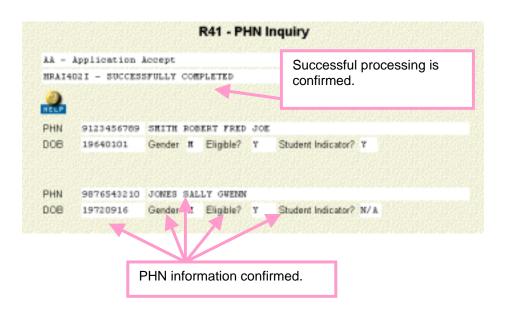


Although multiple (up to 10) PHN's can be entered on a single R41, each PHN Inquiry is processed individually. This means that when you submit an R41, the response will include those PHN's which processed successfully, and those that did not. The response will include error messages for PHN inquiries that were not found. Search for the correct PHN and resubmit.



PHN Found

PHN results are listed in the order in which they were entered.



PHN	PHN submitted		
Name	Surname, First, Second		
DOB	Date of Birth year/month/day		
Gender	M (male), F (female), U (unknown)		
Eligible Eligibility status of date requested: Y (yes), N (no)			
	Yes does not guarantee payment for fee-for- service claims. Use the MSP Teleplan system to request a guarantee.		
Student Status	Student status for child 19-24; student status does not affect eligibility		

PHN Not Found

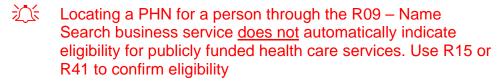


PHN Not Found indicates that the client is <u>not</u> enrolled with MSP and is not eligible for publicly funded health care services as of today's date. Advise the client to contact the Victoria office of MSP to enroll for health care services.

Use R09 to search the Health Registry database to find a person's PHN.

R09 Name Search

Before You Begin



When a client has been erroneously registered more than once contact the *health*netBC HelpDesk to have the duplicate numbers investigated and corrected.

Searching Hints

- When a Narrow Search (direct search using as much information as possible) is unsuccessful, use Wide Search (phonetic search) to search for a name that "sounds like" the surname. E.g.; MacDonald, Mc Donald; or O'Brien, Obrien, O Brien, O'Brian
- Searches using the birth year only in the birth date field will return all clients with the same surname and gender, born within +/- five years of the birth year.

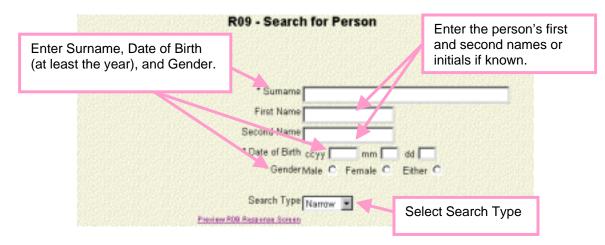
Procedure



Select Name Search from the Eligibility and PHN Assignment Menu, or from Next Business Service link.



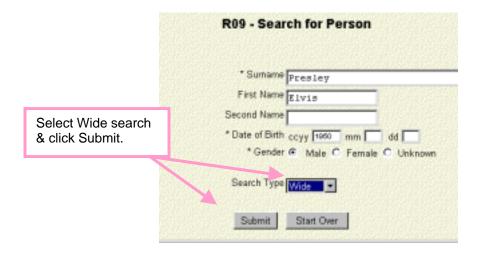
Narrow Search (by Surname)



Wide (Phonetic) Search

If a Narrow Search is unsuccessful, use Wide Search to search for a name that "sounds like" the Surname entered. It will find Surnames that have been misspelled, or may have a hyphen, apostrophe or space in them. These clients will not be found using the Narrow Search.

Click your browser's Back button to return to the input screen.



Results

If a Name Search is unsuccessful for any of the following reasons, the Health Registry will attempt to locate the correct PHN.

No First Name Match

When no match is found on a full first name, the system searches for clients with the same first initial. This narrows your search to clients that are entered on the registry with a first initial only, or clients that have a different spelling of the first name; e.g., no match on "Jim" would retrieve "James".

No First Initial Match

When no match is found using a first initial, the system automatically searches for "Baby" in the first name field. This helps to find newborn children who have been recorded as "Baby Girl" or "Baby Boy" at the time of birth.

No Birth Date Match

When no match is found on a full birth date, the system disregards the day of birth. This helps find clients that are entered with a different day of birth.

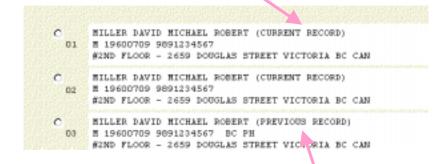
Person Found

R09 - Search for Person AA - Application Accept HRAI4021 - SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED Results are listed in Message confirming order of surname and Search Results transaction success. first name (not Help second name). i.e. Number of Matches: 10 not true alphabetical order. MILLER D. VID MICHAEL ROBERT (CURRENT RECORD) 01 # 19600709 9891234567 #2ND FLOOR - 2659 DOUGLAS STREET VICTORIA BC CAN MILLER DAVID MICHAEL ROBERT (CURRENT RECORD) DZ M 1960 709 9891234567 #2ND FLOOR - 2659 DOUGLAS STREET VICTORIA BC CAN MILLIR DAVID MICHAEL ROBERT (PREVIOUS RECORD) 03 M 19 000709 9891234567 BC PH #2NT FLOOR - 2659 DOUGLAS STREET VICTORIA BC CAN

The transaction will list a maximum of 25 clients who match the input criteria

Current & Previous Records

Current Record indicates that the information is the most current in the Health Registry.



Previous Record indicates that some or all of the demographic information for this client has been changed.

Use R03 – Get Person Demographics to view the current record.

Person Not Found

When you have completed an exhaustive name search, and are sure that the person does not exist on the Health Registry, proceed to R02-Record a New Person.

Copy PHN & Proceed

If you are satisfied that you have positively identified your client, use the right mouse copy function to copy the PHN before proceeding to the next business service. Paste the PHN into next business service form i.e., R 41 - PHN Inquiry or R15 – Check Eligibility or R03 – Get Person Demographics.

Use R02 to record identification and address information for a person who is not already recorded in the Health Registry.

RO2 Record New Person

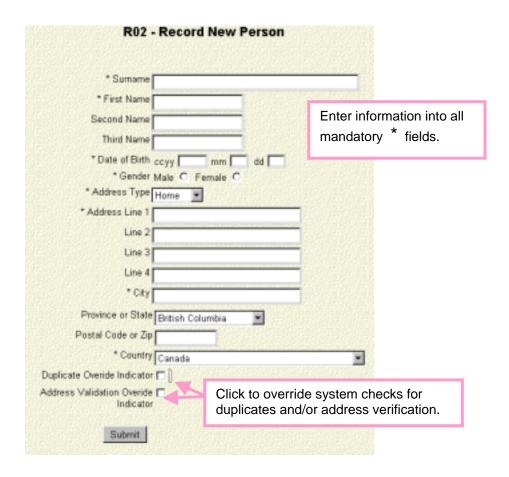
Before You Begin

- ALWAYS use R09 Name Search to verify that the person is not already registered! NEVER add someone who already exists on the registry.
- A PHN must be assigned to every person receiving a health care service in BC. The client does <u>not</u> need to be a resident of the Province to receive a PHN. A PHN assigned through the Record New Person business service *confers no eligibility for health services whatsoever.* To become a beneficiary, a person must be enrolled with the Medical Services Plan.
- Always verify identification and documents. Examine supporting documentation presented by the individual.
- If a newborn baby was <u>not recorded</u> (using R01 Record Newborn) in the Health Registry <u>at the time of birth</u> and requires a PHN prior to the parent enrolling the child with MSP, use R02 to assign the PHN. If the parent has not yet chosen a name for the child, use "Baby" as the First Name and the mother's surname as the Surname.

Procedure

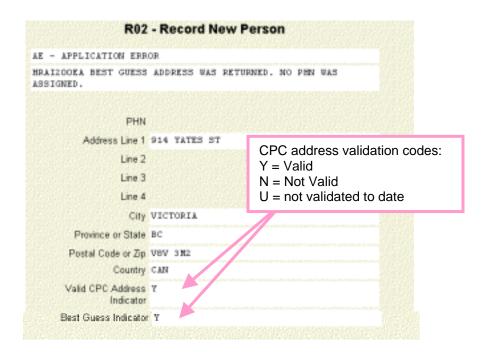
The Health Registry requires accurate person names. Include hyphens and apostrophes as indicated by the person.

- Select Record New Person from the Eligibility and PHN Assignment Menu, or from the Next Business Service link
- When submitting your request, always leave Duplicate Override and Address Validation Override set to "Blank".
- The Health Registry will automatically check for an exact match on an existing person.
- The Health Registry will automatically check the address against CPC standards.



Overrides prevent the system from automatically checking for duplicates or to avoid verifying the address to CPC standards.

- This service automatically checks to ensure that an exact duplicate is not present before accepting the new record. If a duplicate record exists, a message is returned asking if you still want to create a new record. You can override this check when you are convinced that the person is not already recorded.
- The address is automatically validated against Canada Post Standards. If an address does not meet Canada Post standards (including being in upper case), the system suggests a *Best Guess Address*. You can choose to submit your original address or the Best Guess Address.



Duplicate Records

If you discover that a duplicate record has been added and that a PHN has been assigned in error, contact the *health*netBC HelpDesk.

Use R01 to record a child born in British Columbia, assign the baby a PHN, and establish a relationship between the baby and its mother.

Use R01 to record a child born in a British Columbia hospital, assign the baby a PHN and establish a relationship between the baby and its mother.

R01 Record Newborn

Before You Begin



All babies born in a BC hospital must be assigned a PHN. Newborns, whose mothers are residents of BC, are automatically eligible for publicly funded health care services for the first three months of their lives. The parents or guardians must still enroll their child as a beneficiary with MSP, to ensure continued eligibility following the automatic three-month period.

 \bowtie This transaction requires the mother's PHN.

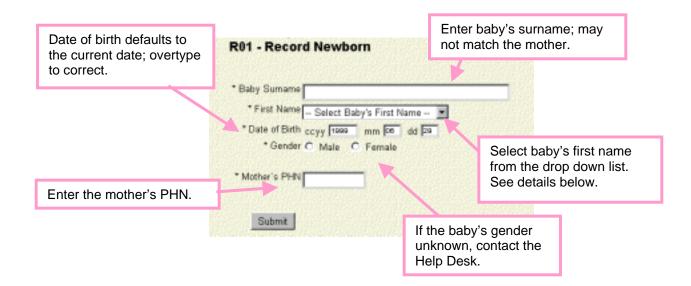
> If the mother's PHN is not known, use R09 - Name Search to find the PHN.

> If you cannot find a PHN for the mother you use R02 – Record New Person to assign her a PHN. (Note that assigning a PHN does not automatically make the mother eligible for publicly funded health care services).

Procedure



Select Record Newborn from the Eligibility and PHN Assignment Menu, or from the Next Business Service link.



Selecting Baby's First Name

Single Births

Select the first name from drop down list:

Girl	BABY GIRL A"
Boy	BABY BOY A"

Multiple Births

Indicate birth order alphanumerically:

Twins	BABY GIRL A, BABY BOY B
Triplets	BABY BOY A, BABY GIRL B, BABY BOY C



Person Demographics Business Services

RO3 Get Person Demographics

R05 Validate Address

R06 Update Person Demographics

R07 Update Person Address

R20 Record Document

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Use R03 to retrieve the most current name, address, gender, date of birth, and date of death if applicable. Use R03 to record or change a person's security keyword.

RO3 Get Person Demographics

Before You Begin

Security Keyword

Some individuals have a security keyword recorded on the Health Registry to ensure that their personal information is released only to authorized users. In this case, you will be unable to access their demographic data unless they provide you with the keyword. Contact the *health*netBC HelpDesk for further assistance.

Procedure



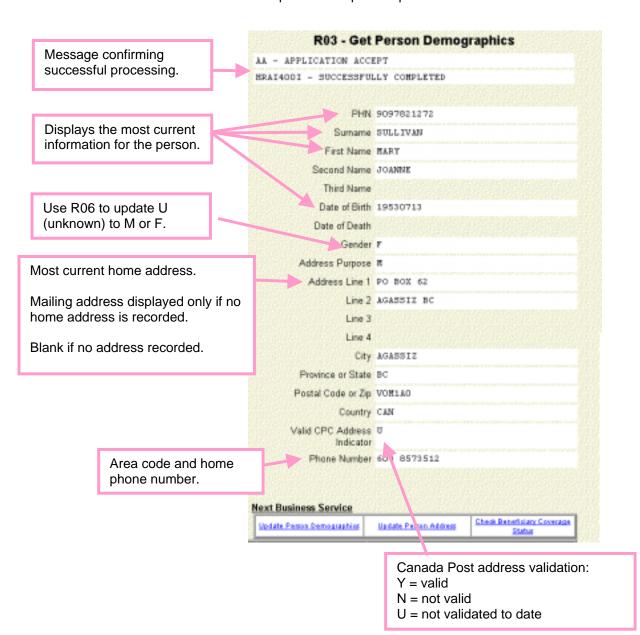
Select Get Person Demographics from the Person Demographics Menu, or from the Next Business Service link.

Enter client's PHN (and keyword, if applicable).	R03 - Get Person Demographics	Add or change a keyword here (max 20 characters), and
	Security Keyword	confirm. To delete a keyword, enter "", and confirm.
	New Security Keyword Confirm Security Keyword	
	Submit	



Use this opportunity to verify demographic data. Ensure that any changes are legitimate and use R06 – Update Person Demographics to update the person's record.

Contact the Help Desk to report suspected fraudulent use of a PHN.

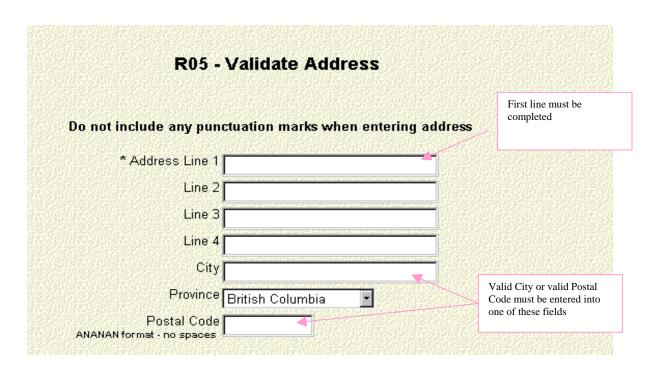


Use R05 to validate any Canadian address with Canada Post Corporation compliance standards to confirm or complete a person's address.

RO5 Validate Address

Procedure

- Select Validate Address from the Person Demographics Menu or from Next Business Service links.
- Key in the address information listed for the person. You must have the first line of the address and either the city or postal code.
- No identifier is required for this business service. The transaction does not inquire against or update any Ministry databases.



R05 automatically validates the address submitted against the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) standard and returns a "best guess" address that has been corrected or completed.

Use R06 to update (change or correct) the name, gender, or date birth for a person recorded on the Health Registry.

R06 Update Person Demographics

Before You Begin

The Health Registry is a corporate resource. As such, the information on the Health Registry must be the most complete and current data available. Each user who comes into contact with persons (patients/clients) has the opportunity to ensure the person is properly recorded, thereby reducing the risk that another user will inadvertently have out-of-date information or inaccurate information for that same person. Wherever possible, record the person's legal name, date of birth and gender.

- Always use R03 Get Person Demographics before completing R06 Update Person Demographics, to ensure you have selected the correct person.
- Always update a "U" gender to Male or Female, if known.
- Use R06 Update Person Demographics <u>and</u> R20 Record Document to make significant changes, such as a surname change, a first or second name change, a year of birth change or a gender change (M to F; or F to M), for which supporting documentation must be recorded.

Acceptable Document Types

The following documents support person name, birth date, and gender demographics (unless noted otherwise).

Document Type	Supports Name	Supports Birth Date	Supports Gender	Supports Death
Birth Certificate	*	*	*	
Citizenship Card	*	*	*	
Citizenship Certificate	*	*		
Employment Authorization	*	*		
Marriage Certificate	*			

Ministers Permit	*	*		
Change of Name Certificate	*	*	*	
Record of Landing	*	*	*	
Student Authorization	*	*		
Visitor Record	*	*		
Death Certificate				*

Replacement CareCard

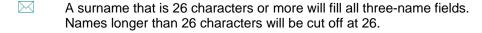
A replacement CareCard is automatically issued when R06 is used to change significant demographic information. The following changes will generate a new CareCard:

- first initial or first name
- second initial or second name
- surname
- month of birth
- year of birth

CareCard Space Restrictions & Priority Information

CareCards allow 26 characters (including spaces) for surname, first name and second name. The system automatically prints:

- the complete surname first
- then first name or initial depending on space, and
- then the second initial if space allows.

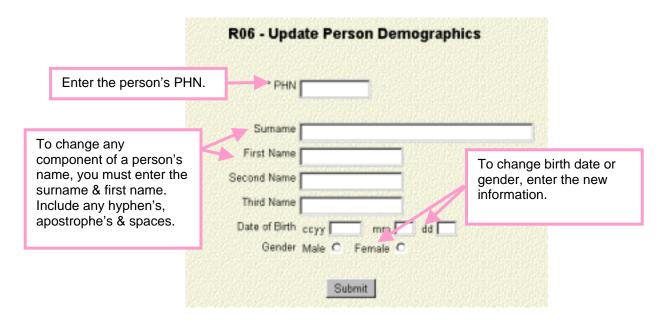


Procedure



If you are making significant changes to a person's name, you must enter both the surname and at least the first name on R06. Use R20 – Record Document to record the supporting document.

- A person's gender and/or any component of their birth date may be changed separately. Use R20 Record Document to record the supporting document for year of birth changes and gender changes (M to F; F to M).
- Select Update Person Demographics from the Person Demographics Menu, or from the Next Business Service link.



The Health Registry will confirm successful processing.

Use R03-Get Person Demographics to verify the new demographic data.

Use R07 to update or correct a person's home address, mailing address or home telephone number.

RO7 Update Person Address

Before You Begin

Home Address/Mailing Address

All person records on the Health Registry must contain an address that is correctly identified as either Home or Mailing.

Home Address Home address identifies where the person lives

and includes a street name, house or building number, and may include an apartment or suite

number.

Mailing Address A person may receive mail at an address different

from the home address, such as a postal box or

general delivery.

If the address is the same for both Home and Mailing, record the address once, as the Home address.

If the Mailing address is *different* from the Home address, you must submit this business service twice, recording both the Home address and the Mailing address.

Never change an existing address to "No Fixed Address".

Address Validation

R07 automatically validates the address against the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) standard and returns:

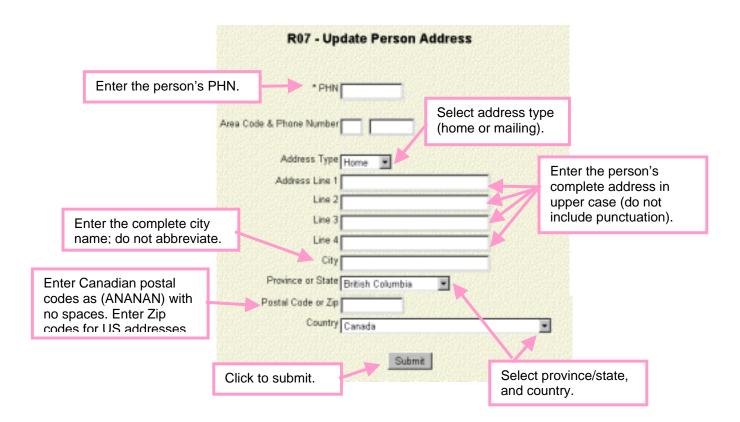
- confirmation that the address is compliant (Address Update Successful) or,
- a "best guess" address that has been corrected or completed.

You can accept the "best guess address" or submit the original address.

- Do not include punctuation marks in an address (i.e., no commas, periods, apostrophes, pound signs (#) etc.)
- Do not include a space in a Canadian postal code.
- The CPC standards require UPPER CASE ONLY. Addresses keyed in lower case will be changed to upper case before they are stored in the database.

Procedure

Select *Update Person Address* from the *Person Demographics Menu.* or from *Next Business Service* link.



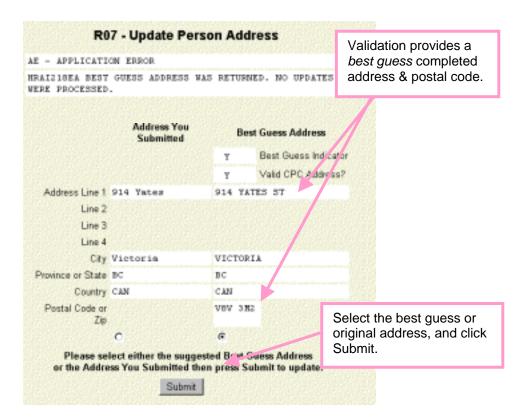
The Health Registry will confirm successful processing, provide a "best guess" address, or provide an error message.

Best Guess

The following example omits the *street* designation and postal code.

R07 - Update Person Address
* PHN 9865825675
3101 300020013
Area Code & Phone Number
Address Type Home 💌
Address Line 1 914 Yates
Line 2
Line 3
Line 4
City Victoria
Province or State British Columbia
Postal Code or Zip
Country Canada
Submit

The system responds with a best guess for the street designation and completes the postal code.



Errors

An invalid address message indicates that the address you submitted did not meet CPC standards i.e., the postal code included a space, the municipality was spelled incorrectly, etc., or the address does not exist.

If you are confident that the address does exist, or, if you are unable to determine why any part of the address is invalid, call the *health*netBC Help Desk for further assistance.



Use R20 to record Ministry approved documents that support: person demographics.

R20 Record Document

Before You Begin

- Date fields must be keyed in ccyymmdd format (i.e.20000415)
- Number fields are numeric
- Text fields can include all characters except the special characters:

 ^ | \ &
- Do not include hyphens in a document "registration number"

Recording the Same Document for More than One Person

If more than one person is named on a document, then the document must be recorded once for each person.

Documents that Support Person Demographics

Use the appropriate document(s) to record details to support a person's demographic information on the Health Registry.

Document Type	Supports Name	Supports Birth Date	Supports Gender	Supports Death
Birth Certificate	*	*	*	
Citizenship Card	*	*	*	
Citizenship Certificate	*	*		
Employment Authorization	*	*		
Marriage Certificate	*			
Ministers Permit	*	*		
Change of Name Certificate	*	*	*	
Record of Landing	*	*	*	
Student Authorization	*	*		
Visitor Record	*	*		
Death Certificate				*

Document Medium

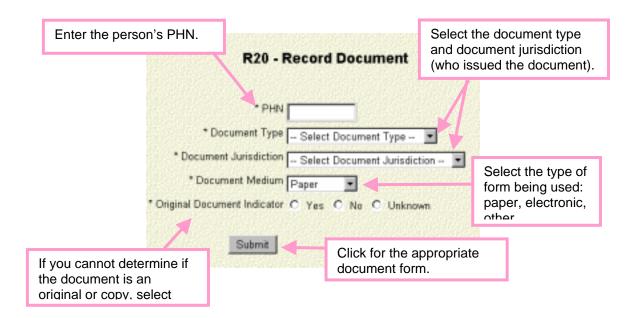
Documents can be provided in paper, electronic, or other form.

Original Documents

Documents can be original or copied. Select Unknown if you cannot distinguish between original or copied.

Procedure

- Select Record Document from the Person Demographics Menu, or from the Next Business Service link.
- All fields on the *Record Document* input screen are mandatory (marked *).



When you submit this transaction the system will display a second input screen for the document type you selected. Complete all mandatory fields (*) displayed and submit *